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Food and Drug Administration  
7200 Lake Ellenor Drive  
Orlando, FL 32809

**CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Ref: FDA Sample No. 3109559/3109560  
Customs Entry No. G43-0028872-2  
Product: Fresh Okra

**WARNING LETTER**

FLA-97-38

April 4, 1997

Michael Sullivan, President  
Advanced Marketing Services International, Inc.  
Suite G-305  
Miami, Florida 33172

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) attempted to examine a shipment of fresh okra offered for entry into the United States by your firm on March 3, 1997, under the above referenced entry number, and found that the shipment was not held intact for FDA examination. Regulation, Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 1.90 requires the importer to hold an entry intact pending receipt of a "May Proceed Notice" or "Release Notice" from FDA. We have requested the U. S. Customs Service, (Customs) to order redelivery of this shipment (copy enclosed).

Failure to promptly correct this violation and prevent future violations may result in regulatory action without further notice such as seizure, injunction, or automatic detention of future shipments. It is your responsibility, as the importer, to ensure that imported products meet all requirements of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

We request a response in writing within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this letter of the specific steps you have taken to correct the violation, including an explanation of each step being taken to prevent the recurrence of the violation.

Mr. Michael Sullivan  
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Your written reply should be directed to the Food and Drug Administration, Attention: Paul R. Bagdikian, Compliance Officer, P. O. Box 59-2256, Miami, Florida 33159-2256.

Sincerely,

*Douglas D. Tolen / EPT*

Douglas D. Tolen  
Director, Florida District

Enclosure

cc: All World, Inc.  
P. O. Box 52-2176  
Miami, Florida 33126